

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD. _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Kathy Howe DATE: Sept. 1994

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ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN: Greece
3. STREET LOCATION: 505 Elmgrove Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Christopher & Elaine Maenza ADDRESS: 25 Willowen Drive
Rochester, NY 14609
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence/kitchen
contracting business in rear.
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes[X] No[]
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [X] b. stone [X](fdn.) c. brick [] d. board and batten []
e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [X](wood) g. stucco [] other: Asphalt roof
shingles. Rock-faced concrete block porch piers.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints []
b. wood frame with light members [X]
c. masonry load bearing walls []
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent [] b. good [X] c. fair [] d. deteriorated []
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site [X] b. moved [] if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This house is obviously similar to #497 Elmgrove, but not as grand. The underlying house is almost the same plan. Let's make this a 'red minus,' too." P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Red minus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a. none known [] b. zoning [X]* c. roads []
d. developers [] e. deterioration []
f. other: *Adjacent commercial uses.

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn [] b. carriage house [X] c. garage []
d. privy [] e. shed [] f. greenhouse []
g. shop [] h. gardens []
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: _____

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

- a. open land [] b. woodland []
c. scattered buildings []
d. densely built-up [X] e. commercial [X]
f. industrial [] g. residential [X]
h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1905

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

(see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: Residential

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The exterior of the house is largely intact with no major alterations.

Modern overhead garage doors added on front facade of carriage barn.

17. 505 Elmgrove Road is located on a 1.6 acre lot on the west side of Elmgrove Road, south of the Conrail Bridge in the southwest quadrant of the town. The driveway is located north of the house. Behind the house to the northwest is a contributing frame carriage barn. There is a large lawn behind the house to the west.

The surrounding neighborhood is primarily residential and includes late-nineteenth and twentieth-century frame houses. Of special note to the north of this house is a transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival house at 497 Elmgrove Road and a Foursquare house at 495 Elmgrove Road (see inventory forms).

18. Two and one-half story, frame house featuring a hipped roof with lower cross gables. Beneath the eaves of the roof is a narrow, frieze band. The house is sided with wood clapboards and sits atop a stone ashlar foundation. Fenestration is regular and repetitive with one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash. The front, east, elevation has a full-width, hipped roof, front porch with a spindled balustrade, and rock-faced concrete block piers each with square columns above. The front door, in the north end of the facade, has recessed wood panels in the lower part with glazing in the upper half. The gable ends on the front and side elevations have cornice returns and ornamental fishscale shingles.

The north elevation features a cross-gabled bay. The east end of this bay has a cutaway corner. The one-story porch at the west end of the north elevation features turned posts and a spindled balustrade.

A bay window with brackets is located in the center of the projecting cross-gabled bay on the south elevation. A side entrance at the west end of this elevation features a bracketed hood.

A two-story, gable-roofed wing projects from the rear of the house.

18. continued

The contributing carriage barn is a side-gabled frame structure with a centered cross gable in the front. The barn is clad with novelty siding. A triangular arched (pointed) window can be found in the cross gable at the front facade. The original loft door on the second floor is intact. Two modern overhead garage doors have been added at the front elevation.

20. Built c. 1905, this house is architecturally significant in the town of Greece as an outstanding example of turn-of-the-century domestic architecture with both Queen Anne and Colonial Revival influences. The house is also historically important for its association with the early-twentieth-century residential development of the Elmgrove section of Greece.

The design of the house exemplifies the transitional nature of architectural design at the beginning of the twentieth century. The house possess a high level of integrity of design, craftsmanship, and materials.

Queen Anne inspired characteristics include the asymmetrical floor plan, complicated roof plan with a hipped roof and lower cross gables, bay windows, contrasting wall textures (rockfaced concrete block and stone, clapboards, and fishscale shingles), and turned porch posts (northwest porch). The cornice returns in the gable ends and the simplified square porch posts at the front porch are influences of the Colonial Revival.

The intact carriage barn adds to the period integrity of the setting. It, too, retains a high level of integrity of design, materials, and craftsmanship. Surviving carriage barns such as this one are becoming more rare in the town and are important because they represent a former way of life and mode of transportation.

This house appears on the 1924 county map with the owner's name, W.A. Payne. The 1930 suburban directory lists William A. and Etta G. Payne as the owners. The 1936 suburban directory lists Etta G. Payne, widow of William A., as the owner.

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